



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 345

By Roberts, Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize *The Pioneer* upon its selection as a National Finalist in the 2010 Society of Professional Journalists' Mark of Excellence Awards.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize and commend those successful scholastic organizations that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the staff members of the Volunteer State Community College (Vol State) magazine, *The Pioneer*, evince exemplary dedication and excellence in all their endeavors, and recently thrilled their enthusiastic supporters with its selection as the National Finalist (runner-up) in the Best Magazine category of the 2010 Society of Professional Journalists' (SPJ) Mark of Excellence Awards; and

WHEREAS, after winning the 2010 SPJ Region 12 (Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee) Mark of Excellence Best Magazine Award in the two-year school division, the Fall 2010 issue of *The Pioneer* was named as the national runner-up in the two-year school division, taking second place to *El Sol* magazine, published by Southwestern College in Chula Vista, California; and

WHEREAS, this was the first time that *The Pioneer* advanced to the national competition, but was the fourth year in the magazine's eight-year history that it has been honored by the SPJ; the previous three honors were second place finishes in 2004, 2006, and 2007, before SPJ created two and four-year college divisions; and

WHEREAS, *The Pioneer* is produced by Vol State students during the Spring and Fall semesters; it is a thirty-two page, full-color, general interest magazine composed of articles and photographs relating to Vol State and its students and, from the conception of story ideas to the design, the entire magazine is student-created; and

WHEREAS, under the astute leadership of editor Samantha Hearn, the Fall 2010 issue of *The Pioneer* highlighted topics such as diversity, travel, and technology; and

WHEREAS, the pure talent, passion, and effort that are consistently put on display by *The Pioneer* staff are illustrated in an exceptional publication that all would do well to emulate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the staff of the Volunteer State Community College magazine, *The Pioneer*, upon its recent selection as the National Finalist in the Best Magazine category of the 2010 Society of Professional Journalists' Mark of Excellence Awards, applaud them for exemplifying journalistic standards of the highest order, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

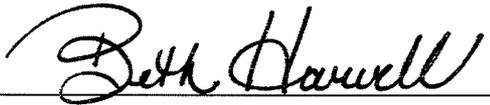
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: May 19, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 24th day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR